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AFMC Commander visits Edwards Research Site

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — On December 22, 2003, Air Force Material Command's new leader, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, visited the Air Force Research Lab's Edwards Research Site and the Air Force Flight Test Center for the first time.

"Thank you, Team Edwards for meeting the challenges of the 21st Century and conducting research on new materials and propellants at AFRL's Rocket Lab," General Martin said.

During his visit to Edwards, General Martin received a helicopter tour of the Edwards Research Site's 65-square mile facility from its commander, Col. Joe Boyle. The general traveled to the chemistry lab complex and received briefings on emerging materials research and innovative rocket propellant developments.

Edwards' facilities are devoted to the rocket propulsion research and development efforts of AFRL's Propulsion Directorate. Valued at more than \$3 billion, and, according to Air Force leaders, the most modern rocket research, development, and test facilities in the world, the facilities and their personnel have provided the Air Force and the Nation with the propulsion technology and testing for nearly every American rocket propelled satellite, missile, or launch vehicle. @